Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method of redirecting a request for a web service in a data transmission network wherein, in response to a request forwarded by a host of a client server to a web service provider, the web service provider provides a Web Service Definition Language (WSDL) file based upon a message exchange protocol on a transport protocol;

said method comprising:

forwarding a first request from the client server to an address of said web service,

determining the address of the web service is an old address by checking a list of outdated web services, wherein each web service in the list is associated with the old address and a new address;

responding to the client server from a web service point associated with said old address by sending back a message with a header, wherein the header using said message exchange protocol contains a redirection to [[a]]the new address associated with [[of]] the requested web service,

checking, using a checker on the client server, for the redirection in the header of the message; and

forwarding a second request from the client server to the new address of [[said]]the requested web service.

2. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein said new address of the requested web service is logged by said host to allow code changes in the client in order to direct future requests to the new address.

3. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 2, wherein said message exchange protocol is Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) and said redirection is a SOAP header tag.

4. (Currently Amended) A system for redirecting a request for a web service in a data transmission network wherein, in response to a request forwarded by a host of a client server to a web service provider, the web service provider provides a Web Service Definition Language (WSDL) file based upon a Simple Object Access Protocol (SOAP) on a transport protocol;

said system comprising:

a web service provider including a Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP) server and a SOAP runtime, the SOAP runtime including a checker; and

a client server on a physical computing device, the client server including a client application and a SOAP runtime, the SOAP runtime including a checker;

wherein the checker of the web service provider is adapted to check whether a request forwarded from the SOAP runtime of the client server over the data transmission network to said service provider has to be redirected to the requested web service ~~a new machine~~ including a new point address by checking a list of outdated web services, wherein each web service in the list is

associated with an old point address and the new point address, and to provide the new point address to which the request must be forwarded, said new point address being provided in a header of a SOAP response message forwarded from said service provider at [[an]]the old point address to said SOAP runtime of the client server, the header containing a redirection of the new point address associated with the requested web service, and wherein the checker of the client server is adapted to check whether said SOAP response message contains the new point address by checking for the redirection in the header of the SOAP response message, and regenerate the same request and to forward the request over the data transmission network to said new point address.

5. (Canceled).

6. (Canceled).

7. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 1, wherein the transport protocol comprises Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP).

8. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 4, wherein the transport protocol comprises Hyper Text Transfer Protocol (HTTP).